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REPORT

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COLUMBIA INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.

COLUMBIA INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB,
Kendall Green, near Washington, D. C., October 5, 1886.

SIR: In compliance with the acts of Congress making provision for the support of this institution, we have the honor to report its progress during the year ended June 30, 1886:

The pupils remaining in this institution on the 1st of July, 1885, numbered.....	87
Admitted during the year	21
Since admitted.....	18
Total.....	126

Under instruction since July 1, 1885, males, 104; females, 22. Of these 50 have been in the collegiate department, representing 13 States and Ireland, and 76 in the primary department.

A list of the names of the pupils connected with the institution since July 1, 1885, will be found appended to this report.

HEALTH OF THE INSTITUTION.

The cases of illness among the pupils during the year have been few and light. No death has occurred, and we can give thanks to the Power above for an extended period of general good health.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION AND LECTURES.

The work of instruction in the several departments of the institution has gone forward essentially as in recent years. Students and pupils have shown commendable diligence, and our valued instructors have evidenced zeal and intelligence in the work committed to them deserving of the warmest approval.

In addition to the daily instructions of the class-room, lectures have been given as follows:

To the students of the National Deaf-Mute College:

The Silver Question. By President Gallaudet.

Banking and Exchange. By Professor Porter.

Dante's Purgatorio By Professor Fay.

A Talk about Grass. By Professor Chickering.

The Twilight of Deaf Mute Instruction. By Professor Gordon.

Waterloo, Then and Now. By Assistant Professor Hotchkiss.

Fame and its Memorials. By Assistant Professor Draper.

To the pupils of the Kendall School:

The Adventures of Ulysses. By Mr. Denison.

The Early History of the United States Navy. By Mr. Ballard.

Mary Queen of Scots. By Mr. Kiesel.

The Indians of the Plains. By Mr. Bryant.

Through the kindness of several members of the senior class, who volunteered their services, the following lectures were added to the course usually given to the pupils of the school:

Childhood in Greece. By Mr. Adams.

Sir Walter Raleigh. By Mr. Berg.

William Lloyd Garrison. By Mr. Cloud.

John Paul Jones. By Mr. Dantzer.

Attraction of Gravitation. By Mr. Hanson.

THE KENDALL SCHOOL.

The building spoken of in our last report as nearly finished was completed and occupied in December. It affords ample accommodations for all the school work of our primary department, and will not need to be enlarged for a number of years.

THE LABORATORY AND SHOP BUILDING.

Congress at the session closed in August made an appropriation of \$8,000 for the erection of a laboratory and shop building. This sum, together with an available balance on hand for building purposes, has been nearly expended in the erection of the building above alluded to. In this building, which is 50 by 30 feet, and four stories high, there will be assay furnaces, an engine-room, a working laboratory, and chemical lecture-room on the two lower floors for the college, with ample space on the two upper floors for several new industries, by engaging in which the boys of our Kendall School will derive great practical advantages.

EXERCISES OF PRESENTATION DAY.

The exercises of the regular public anniversary of the college took place on the 5th of May.

An account of these exercises will be found appended to this report.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS.

At the close of our academic year in June, the degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred on Albert Berg, of Indiana; James Henry Cloud, of Illinois; Charles Orvis Dantzer, of Indiana; Albert F. Adams, of Iowa; John H. Dundon, of New York; and Olof Hanson, of Minnesota, valedictorian of his class. A diploma of honorable dismission was awarded to Thomas Lynch of Illinois, all these having been students in the college.

Certificates of honorable dismission from the Kendall School were given to Frank G. Wurdeman, John O'Rourke, George T. Sanders, Harry L. Stafford, Harry E. Marsh, and William D. Himrod.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The receipts and expenditures for the year now under review will appear from the following detailed statements:

I.—SUPPORT OF THE INSTITUTION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from old account	\$1,005 23
Received from Treasury of the United States.....	55,000 00
Received from manual-labor fund	312 00
Received from board and tuition	5,541 72
Received for work done in shop	6 00
Received from sale of old lumber	28 08
Received for damage to grounds.....	4 00
Received from sale of old furniture	40 65
Received from sale of old buggy.....	31 50
Received from sale of grease	22 35
Total.....	61,991 53

DISBURSEMENTS.

Expended for salaries and wages out of appropriations by Congress.....	\$24,968 63
Expended for salaries and wages out of funds belonging to the institution	5,130 59
Expended for groceries.....	2,417 91
Expended for meats	3,558 48
Expended for potatoes	428 80
Expended for household expenses, marketing, &c	2,599 73
Expended for butter and eggs	2,078 75
Expended for repairs	2,886 94
Expended for permanent improvements.....	4,293 31
Expended for furniture	953 62
Expended for lumber	1,135 52
Expended for ice.....	185 65
Expended for printing	86 59
Expended for medicines and chemicals	201 21
Expended for hardware.....	412 65
Expended for fuel	1,858 86
Expended for blacksmithing	109 40
Expended for harness and repairs	144 35
Expended for bread.....	1,129 56
Expended for illustrative apparatus	77 35
Expended for medical and surgical attendance.....	161 20
Expended for flowers and plants	169 00
Expended for paints	318 59
Expended for dry goods and clothing	602 96
Expended for flour and feed.....	682 91
Expended for gas	1,006 10
Expended for rent of telephone	80 00
Expended for live stock	270 00
Expended for entertainment of pupils	35 00
Expended for farm tools, seeds, &c	130 79
Expended for wagon, repairs, &c.....	176 00
Expended for auditing the accounts of the institution and for traveling expenses of non-resident directors in attending meetings of the board..	340 00
Expended for hand-grenades	40 00
Expended for amount refunded to the United States for disallowance and error in accounts.....	20 20
Expended for expenses of principal in attending convention of teachers in California	200 00
Expended for books, &c.....	1,039 09
Expended for manure	82 25
Expended for milk	145 61
Expended for grading.....	297 72
Expended for complete system of electrical clocks.....	313 00
Expended for memorial tablets	350 00
Balance	870 21
Total.....	61,991 53

II.—BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

RECEIPTS.

Received from Treasury of the United States..... \$17,000 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Expended on contract with E. F. Jones for brickwork	4,539 66
Expended on contract with J. B. Hammond for doors, sash, &c.....	1,478 87
Expended for architect's services	740 00
Expended for grading and sodding.....	338 70
Expended for heating apparatus.....	1,200 00
Expended for lumber	1,117 94
Expended for slating	414 00
Expended for iron work	195 00
Expended for stone work.....	1,405 08
Expended for terra cotta.....	180 00
Expended for plastering.....	630 00
Expended for hardware.....	150 67
Expended for paints and painting	417 56
Expended for contract with Obold & Dwire for wood work.....	1,604 50
Expended for plumbing.....	514 20
Expended for contract for brickwork with B. H. Ellett.....	1,703 77
Expended for sandstone and cement	199 55
Expended for wages.....	81 50
Expended for glass windows.....	89 00
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	17,000 00

ESTIMATES FOR NEXT YEAR.

The following estimates for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1888, have already been submitted :

For the support of the institution, including salaries and incidental expenses, and for books and illustrative apparatus, for general repairs and improvements, \$55,000.

For the improvement of the grounds, including pavements near the new buildings for the Kendall School and the laboratory and shop buildings, \$1,700.

Also the following for the current fiscal year :

For current expenses for the year ending June 30, 1887, in addition to the amount already appropriated, \$2,500.

The first estimate is the same amount as has been submitted for the last five years.

The second estimate is to provide for certain much-needed improvements on the grounds, especially to complete a roadway leading from the main group of buildings to the farm, and to complete the surroundings of the two new buildings recently erected.

The third estimate is to cover a deficiency occasioned by the cutting down of our estimate for current expenses for this year.

It will be remembered that in our last Annual Report mention was made of the fact that the cost of providing for the education of the imbecile children of the District out of our current-expense fund had become so great as to make it necessary either to increase the amount of our appropriations or to relieve our institution of that responsibility and provide a separate appropriation for the education of imbeciles.

Congress acted on our suggestion and made a separate appropriation of \$2,500, but diminished our current-expense appropriation in precisely that amount, thus actually requiring this institution to do what we had said in advance it was not able to do. It is hoped that Congress will see the justice of making up this deficiency.

CONVENTION OF TEACHERS.

By direction of the board the president of the college and the principal of the Kendall School represented the institution as official delegates in the Eleventh Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf, held at Berkeley, Cal., July 15-21.

ADMISSION OF YOUNG WOMEN TO THE COLLEGE.

Among the papers presented at the California convention was a communication from a very bright deaf young lady, urging that the doors of our college be opened to those of her sex.

A communication on the same subject, and urging the same action, has been lately addressed to the president of the college by the Western Association of Collegiate Alumnae, meeting at Indianapolis on the 22d of May last. This latter communication urges with much force that deaf young women ought to be permitted to share in the advantages afforded by the bounty of Congress for higher education to the deaf young men of the country.

The faculty of the college favor the admission of young women, at least as an experiment.

Their presence in the college would entail no increased cost for instruction, which is the most considerable item of expense in carrying on the college.

The board of directors are disposed to take this subject into very serious consideration; and while they are not prepared to make a definite recommendation in this report, they respectfully ask the attention of Congress to the matter, as deserving of favorable action in the near future.

All of which is respectfully submitted, by order of the board of directors.

E. M. GALLAUDET,
President.

Hon. L. Q. C. LAMAR,
Secretary of the Interior.

APPENDIX.

EXERCISES OF PRESENTATION DAY.

The exercises of the twenty-second anniversary of the college took place in the chapel of the institution on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 5.

A letter was received from the Secretary of State expressing the regrets of President Cleveland and himself at being unable to be present owing to the pressure of public business.

The occasion was honored by the presence of Chief-Justice Waite, members of the Senate and House of Representatives, members of the diplomatic corps, and officers of sister institutions of learning.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. W. H. Milburn, D. D., Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

The essays of the graduating class were as follows:

Dissertation: *Labor and Capital*. Albert Berg, Indiana.

Oration: *The Representative American Poet*. James Henry Cloud, Illinois.

Oration: *Civilization in the Middle Ages*. Charles Orvis Dantzer, Indiana.

Oration: *A Well-balanced Man*. Albert Francis Adams, Iowa.

Oration: *Thomas Gray*. John Henry Dundon, New York.

Oration: *The Known and the Unknown*. Olof Hanson, Minnesota.

At the conclusion of the addresses the members of the graduating class were presented, by the president of the college, to the board of directors as candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

The president of the college then introduced the Hon. John A. Jameson, of Chicago, who addressed the graduating class.

CONVENTION OF TEACHERS IN CALIFORNIA.

This meeting was on several accounts the most important and interesting gathering of teachers of the deaf ever held in America. The largest in membership and representing the greatest number of schools, while at the same time farthest removed from the center of population, the discussions of this body were full of interest to those who took the pains to cross the continent for the sake of taking part in them or listening to them. A feature of especial value was the conducting of normal sections by experienced teachers, in which the younger members of the profession had an opportunity of gaining much from their elders.

A deaf teacher of high standing, connected with a prominent Western school, writes so justly of the harmonious spirit which characterized the proceedings that his words deserve to be quoted. In the *International Record of Charities and Corrections* he says:

"The proceedings were marked by an unusual degree of harmony. The conflict of theories and methods which has occupied so much of the time and attention of previous conventions was almost wholly absent. It was unanimously agreed that like other people the deaf differ widely in their mental and physical conditions, and therefore methods of instruction differing as widely are necessary for the highest development of the class.

"The war between the two prominent systems of instruction, the 'manual' and the 'oral,' which has been carried on so vigorously for many years, may be said to be practically ended, not through the victory of one side or the other, but through the better understanding of each other's methods and results. Discussions between men actuated only by philanthropic purposes and upon matters in which selfish interest does not enter, lead to cordial recognition of whatever strength there may exist in each other's position, and the yielding of untenable points until they find themselves occupying common ground. Such has been the outcome of the long controversy upon the oral vs. the manual method. The method of the future is the 'combined,' or 'American,' method, in which the best features of both systems are incorporated. This method is outlined in papers read at the Berkeley convention by Dr. G. O. Fay, of Hartford, and Prof. A. L. E. Cronter, of Philadelphia, and covered by resolutions introduced by Dr. E. M. Gallaudet, of Washington, and adopted without a dissenting voice."

The following are the resolutions alluded to:

"Whereas the experience of many years in the instruction of the deaf has plainly shown that among the members of this class of persons great differences exist in mental and physical condition and in capacity for improvement, making results easily possible in certain cases which are practically and often actually unattainable in others, these differences suggesting very widely different treatment with different individuals, it is, therefore,

Resolved, That the system of instruction existing at present in America commends itself to the world for the reason that its tendency is to include all known methods and expedients which have been found to be of value in the education of the deaf, while it allows diversity and independence of action, working at the same time harmoniously and aiming at the attainment of a common object by all.

Resolved, That earnest and persistent endeavors should be made in every school for the deaf to teach every pupil to speak and read from the lips, and that such efforts should only be abandoned when it is plainly evident that the measure of success attainable is so small as not to justify the necessary amount of labor."

The last resolution, on motion of Professor Elmendorf, of New York, was amended so as to include the statement that "children should be committed to experienced teachers," and by Professor Gillespie so as to include the statement that "those capable of instruction by the ear should be instructed aurally."

Besides the delegates sent from this institution by vote of the Board, Professors Porter, Fay, Chickering, and Hotchkiss, of the college faculty; Mr. J. J. Chickering, our instructor in gymnastics; Mr. Bryant, our instructor in art; Mr. Kiesel, of the Kendall School, and Miss Allen, our assistant matron, attended the convention. Messrs. Fay, Denison, J. J. Chickering, and Kiesel contributed papers.

It is due to the management of the California Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind to say that the entire convention, consisting of more than two hundred and twenty-five members, was most hospitably entertained by the institution for over a week. Every possible attention was paid to the delegates, and the unwearied kindness of the accomplished principal, Professor Wilkinson, and of his charming wife and daughter, with the courtesy of all the officers of the institution, not to speak of the cordial welcome of many in Berkeley not directly connected with the institution, will ever be gratefully remembered by all who were so fortunate as to be present at this memorable meeting. The value of such gatherings to the profession of teachers of the deaf can hardly be overestimated. They not only impart much direct instruction; they furnish recreation; they arouse enthusiasm; they encourage drooping spirits; they leave delightful memories; they strengthen friendships; they even lead to the formation of nearer ties than those of mere friendship; teachers go away from them with added confidence in themselves, with greater satisfaction in their work, with increased respect for their profession.

Boards of direction would do well to encourage their teachers to attend these meetings, even by the offer of pecuniary assistance towards defraying traveling expenses.

CATALOGUE OF STUDENTS AND PUPILS.

IN THE COLLEGE.

From Colorado.

Russel Shipley Painter.

From Connecticut.

George Chauncey Williams.

From Delaware.

Timothy Hyde,
Charles Blanchfield Merrick.

From Illinois.

James Henry Cloud,
Harry Rosenheim Hart,
Lawrence F. James,
Thomas Lynch,
Michael Gerald McCarthy,
Oscar Regensburg.

From Indiana.

Albert Berg,
Charles O. Dautzer.

From Iowa.

Albert Francis Adams,
John W. Barrett,
William W. Beadell,
Wesley Dobson,
Elmer Edgerton,
Charles R. Hemstreet,
Howard McPherson Hofsteater,
Ellsworth Long,
Joseph Schuyler Long,
John Elmer Staudacher,
Daniel Tellier, jr.,
Zachariah B. Thompson,
Hobart Lorraine Tracy.

From Maryland.

Ennalls J. Adams, jr.,
Frank A. Leitner.

From Massachusetts.

George T. Sanders.

From Michigan.

Fred. Max Kaufman.

From Minnesota.

John Schwirtz, jr.,
Olof Hanson,
Cadwallader Lincoln Washburn.

From Missouri.

Hugh Kent Bush,
Henry Gross,
Stephen Shuey.

From New York.

John Henry Dundon,
Isaac Goldberg,
Harry Van Allen.

From Ohio.

Clarence Wilton Charles,
Edward P. Cleary,
William Henry Zorn.

From Pennsylvania.

John Arthur Boland,
Edwin Clarence Harah,
William D. Himrod,
William Henry Lipsett,
Charles R. Neillie,
Henry R. Spahr.

From Tennessee.

Thomas S. Marr, jr.

From Texas.

Harry E. Marsh.

From Virginia.

Robert Bell, jr.

From Wisconsin.

Thomas Hagerty,
Benjamin F. Round.

From District of Columbia.

John O'Rourke,
Frank G. Wurdemann.

From Ireland.

Francis Maginn.

IN THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Females.

Alverdia Cornog, Delaware.
Jeanette Dailey, District of Columbia.
Mary Dailey, District of Columbia.
Geneva De Lodge, Indian Territory.
Clara L. Deputy, Delaware.
Elizabeth Fagin, Delaware.
Sarah Louise Fleming, Delaware.
Katie Fogarty, District of Columbia.
Maggie Hyde, Delaware.
Irene B. Martin, District of Columbia.
Eliza O'Callaghan, District of Columbia.

Mary Ann Primeau, Indian Territory.
Gertrude Schofield, District of Columbia.
Lucy Smith, District of Columbia.
Rosina Scott, District of Columbia.
Mary D. K. Senkin, District of Columbia.
Eva Webster, Montana.
Clara V. White, District of Columbia.
Bertha May Whitelock, Delaware.
Anna May Wood, Montana.
Edwina Olivet Youmans, South Carolina.
Annie Zeust, District of Columbia.

Males.

Anthony Allen, District of Columbia.
William M. Argo, Delaware.
Walter Argo, Delaware.
J. Dunlop Baker, Virginia.
Amos Barton, Maine.
Edward M. Blair, Pennsylvania.
W. W. Bradley, South Carolina.
Roderick W. Broadbuss, Kentucky.
A. C. Buxton, Maryland.
William H. Catlett, District of Columbia.
William Brown, District of Columbia.
Oliver James Clark, South Carolina.
George Lawrence Crosby, Iowa.
Thomas Davis, District of Columbia.
Richard Ernest Dimick, Wisconsin.
Maurice T. Fell, Delaware.
George W. Hall, District of Columbia.
Eugene E. Hannon, District of Columbia.
Frederick L. Harris, Kentucky.
Thomas F. Harrihill, New York.
Reuben Hill, District of Columbia.
Herbert Hurd, Delaware.
William D. Himrod, Pennsylvania.
Fredo Hyman, Illinois.
John C. Jump, Delaware.
Fred Max Kaufman, Michigan.
Charles H. Keyser, District of Columbia.
Charles E. D. Krigbaum, District of Columbia.

Joseph M. Landon, District of Columbia.
Edward W. Lane, Montana.
George M. Leitner, Maryland.
O. E. Lewis, Missouri.
John A. Lynch, Delaware.
John McEvelley, Delaware.
Harry E. Marsh, Texas.
Gabriel P. Mattox, Indiana.
Simon Mundheim, District of Columbia.
Alton Odum, Tennessee.
John O'Rourke, District of Columbia.
Thomas H. Peters, Montana.
John Price, Pennsylvania.
Vernon Rollins, District of Columbia.
Henry H. Rohrer, Ohio.
Benjamin F. Round, Wisconsin.
George T. Sanders, Massachusetts.
Henry L. Stafford, Michigan.
Frank Stewart, District of Columbia.
Frederick H. Stover, Maine.
Frank A. Thompson, Indiana.
Orris J. Teague, Indiana.
William T. Wagner, Mississippi.
Daniel C. Watson, Tennessee.
Henry Willis, District of Columbia.
Jonathan G. White, Delaware.
James Allen Wright, North Carolina.
Frank G. Wurdeman, District of Columbia.

REGULATIONS.

I. The academic year is divided into three terms, the first beginning on the Thursday before the last Thursday in September, and closing on the 24th of December; the second beginning the 2d of January, and closing the last of March; the third beginning the 1st of April, and closing the Wednesday before the last Wednesday in June.

II. The vacations are from the 24th of December to the 2d of January, and from the Wednesday before the last Wednesday in June to the Thursday before the last Thursday in September.

III. There are holidays at Thanksgiving, Washington's Birthday, Easter, and Decoration Day.

IV. The pupils may visit their homes during the regular vacations and at the above-named holidays, but at no other time, unless for some special, urgent reason, and then only by permission of the president.

V. The bills for the maintenance and tuition of pupils supported by their friends must be paid semi-annually, in advance.

VI. The charge for pay pupils is \$150 each per annum. This sum covers all expenses in the primary department except clothing, and all in the college except clothing and books.

VII. The Government of the United States defrays the expenses of those who reside in the District of Columbia, or whose parents are in the Army or Navy, provided they are unable to pay for their education. To students from the States and Territories who have not the means of defraying all the expenses of the college course the board of directors renders such assistance as circumstances seem to require, as far as the means at its disposal for this object will allow.

VIII. It is expected that the friends of the pupils will provide them with clothing, and it is important that upon entering or returning to the institution they should be supplied with a sufficient amount for an entire year. All clothing should be plainly marked with the owner's name.

IX. All letters concerning pupils or applications for admission should be addressed to the president.

X. The institution is open to visitors during term time on Thursdays only, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. Visitors are admitted to chapel services on Sunday afternoons at a quarter past 3 o'clock.

XI. Congress has made provision for the education, at public expense, of the indigent blind and the indigent feeble-minded of teachable age belonging to the District of Columbia.

Persons desiring to avail themselves of these provisions are required by law to make application to the president of this institution.